

BRITISH REVERSE

Boers Pick Off Three English Officers.

BOTH PERSONALLY LEADS ATTACK

Destructive Forest Fires in Arkansas—Hired Hand Kills His Employer Near Hastings—Other News of State and National Interest.

Commandant General Louis Botha is reported to have commanded in person the attack upon Colonel Benson's column. Botha's force has effected a combination with another command which has been hovering around Bethel lately.

Lord Kitchener reports that three additional officers were killed and that two more were wounded during the attack on the rear guard of Colonel Benson's column near Brakenlaagte, Eastern Transvaal.

BOER COLONY IN WYOMING

Tract of Three Hundred Thousand Acres Secured.

A number of Hague bankers and other wealthy men of Holland are making arrangements to establish a colony of Boers and Holland Dutch in Wyoming. A tract of 300,000 acres has been secured in the valley of the Green river, in Sweetwater county, southern Wyoming. Surveys have been made for a gigantic canal and irrigation system and construction is to be commenced at once.

The prospective settlers are now being brought over to do the work. Tests have been made which show that the soil is especially well adapted for beet sugar culture and a large beet sugar factory will be established in the colony.

CONVICTS ESCAPE

Arizona Prisoners Make Use of Switch Engine.

At Yuma, Ariz., on November 3, Thomas Hart, under sentence for murder, and a Mexican named Leibas, in jail for robbery, overpowered the deputy sheriff on guard and taking possession of a switch engine, ran it four miles into the country and escaped. Section Foreman Martin fired a shot through the speeding engine, and from blood found on a cushion in the engine it is supposed that Leibas, who was working the throttle, was hit. When the men left the engine they opened wide the throttle and the locomotive ran seven miles before stopping. A posse is now in pursuit of the fugitives.

The latest report is that the men were encountered near Fortuna, a small mining camp, and a desperate battle ensued, resulting in the killing of Hart and the capture of Leibas.

Hired Man Shoots Employer.

Will Shay, a well-known and well-to-do farmer living eight miles northeast of Hastings, Neb., was accidentally shot in the abdomen. Mr. Shay had gone to the barn to look after his horses. In the meantime the hired man took a thirty-eight calibre rifle and went out in the yard to shoot a chicken for dinner. The barn is on the side of a hill and just as Mr. Shay came out of the building the hired man drew a bead on a chicken and fired. The ball struck Mr. Shay in the center of the abdomen and made an ugly wound. Dr. Artz of Hastings was summoned and arrived in time to prevent great loss of blood. The ball was not extricated as it could not be located. Mr. Shay is in a critical condition but there are hopes of his recovery.

Kill Fellow Workmen.

Two machinists working in the Southern shops at Columbia, S. C., Walter Binder and Wm. Seaver, were shot in their houses some time after midnight, November 2, by a party of men. Seaver was killed instantly and Binder seriously wounded. According to the statement of Binder the attacking party were former strikers. Harry Jones and Arthur McCraney have been arrested. More arrests will follow. McCraney claims that he did the shooting in self-defense.

Fractured Her Limb.

Gladys, the eight-year-old daughter of William Sheller, a farmer living south of Plattsmouth, fell from a tree while playing in the orchard November 2, and sustained a painful fracture of one of her lower limbs. When found she was unconscious and remained in this condition for some time.

Kansas Oats for South Africa.

Orders for 2 1/2 million bushels oats have been placed with two New York houses by England. The purchasing agent said he wanted Kansas oats because they had proved far better than any others in South Africa and also because in the long run they were the cheapest.

Successful With Sugar Beets.

A. H. Burtis of Garden City looks for a beet sugar factory and refinery to be established in that town. Encouraged by the bounty authorized by the last legislature of Kansas, the farmers planted a large acreage of beets last spring and the experiment has turned out well. The beets are large and of good quality. A carload will be sent to Rocky Ford, Col., next month, and if the yield of sugar is satisfactory a plant will be built at Garden City.

NEW CENSUS FIGURES.

Report on School, Militia and Voting Ages.

The census report on school, militia and voting ages for all states and territories, shows the following summary for the country as a whole:

Persons of school age, five to twenty years, 23,110,788, of whom 2,897,130 are native born, 22,490,211 are white and 13,086,160 are males; males of militia age, 10,360,853, of whom 13,132,280 are native born and 14,495,396 are white; and males of voting age, 21,329,819, of whom 16,247,224 are native born and 19,036,143 are white. Of the total number of males, twenty-one years of age and over, 3,322,355 are illiterate. Of the 16,227,280 native born males, twenty-one years of age and over, 1,706,293 are illiterate and of the 5,109,534 foreign born, 620,002 are illiterate. Native white males of voting age who are of foreign parentage show a relative increase in their proportion since 1890, while the colored males of voting age have increased throughout the northern and western sections with few exceptions. A little over 28 per cent of the entire alien population of the country is illiterate. The statistics show that the average number of persons to each potential voter range from 2.4 to 3.6 in the north central states and 2.4 to 4.1 in the western states.

INDIANS DYING BY SCORES

Nearly Sixty Winnebago Indians Already Victims of Smallpox.

Reports from the Winnebago Indian reservation indicate that twenty-two died from smallpox the first week, twenty-two last week and fifteen up to the present time. The 10,000 Indians are scattered over 1,190 acres of land, and it is entirely impossible to give them individual attention. As a result scores lie sick and either die or recover without medical care.

The Indians refuse to obey the directions of the government physician and perish in using their own remedies and pay no heed to warnings against exposure. Guards have been stationed about all the surrounding cities to keep out the Winnebagos, but this is almost impossible. The schools at Emerson, Neb., have been closed down on account of the disease, and there is one case at Homer.

Chinese Minister Recalled.

A Pekin, China, dispatch says: The recall of Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister at Washington, has been decided upon. He will be offered, it is announced a subordinate post in the foreign office, beneath his abilities, which it is said he will decline.

Li Hung Chang's interpreter, Tsing, adopted son of the Marquis Tseng, is a prominent candidate for the Washington mission. He is thirty years old and was educated in England.

Declines to Honor Requisition.

Governor Durban of Indian refused to grant a requisition for the return to Kentucky of ex-Governor Taylor and Charles W. Binley, who were indicted by Kentucky courts for complicity in the murder of Governor William Goebel.

In declining to honor the requisition Governor Durban gives his reasons in a lengthy document, which are virtually the same entertained by ex-Governor Mount.

Argentine-Chile Dispute.

The Argentine government has requested Chile to desist from road making in the cordilleras, says a dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Buenos Ayers, and has demanded an official declaration that the roadmaking already accomplished does not constitute a claim by Chile to the territory in dispute. Failing this assurance, the Argentine minister, it is said, will be withdrawn from Santiago de Chile.

Shaft to be Elaborate.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the William McKinley national arch association in Washington, it was determined on motion of Secretary Gage, the treasurer of the association to attempt to raise \$1,500,000 for the construction of the proposed arch. Material progress was reported by the executive committee in the work of preparations for raising subscriptions.

Forest Fire in Missouri.

Fierce forest fires are raging a few miles south of Poplar Bluff, Ark. The woods have been in flames for three days and thousands of cattle and horses are in danger.

Farmers and stockmen have turned out en masse to fight the flames, but they have made very little progress. The fire will cause a famine for feed for cattle this winter on account of the drouth, which cut crops short.

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Attempt to Rob a Bank.

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UNDER THE WHEELS

Farm Hand Jumps in Front of a Moving Train.

THE BODY IS FEARFULLY MANGLED

Chicago Gambler Killed by His Son—Half Million Blaze in Iowa—Negro Burned at the Stake—Other News of Great Importance.

Edward Maher, a corn husker who had been working for William Gormely of Vesta, Neb., was run over by the south bound Union Pacific train No. 17 at Coburn Junction, Neb. He was walking along the track toward the approaching train and stepped off to let it pass. When the engine got immediately opposite he doubled himself up in a ball and threw himself under the wheels. The train cut off his head and disemboweled and fearfully mangled the body. The remains were sent to Coroner Sawyer at Jackson, Neb. Nothing has yet been found to indicate his home.

BURNED AT THE STAKE

Man in Mississippi Lynched an Unknown Man.

A negro whose name has not yet been learned, was burned at the stake near Gulfport, in Perry county, Mississippi, November 4. The crime for which the negro suffered was committed early in the morning, and Mrs. Fortenberry was the victim. She is the wife of one of the most prominent men in that section. She was attacked, beaten into unconsciousness and criminally assaulted by the negro. After recovering consciousness, while yet almost too weak to move, she began crying for help.

Within a short time assistance reached her. She told the story of the crime and described the negro. A posse was organized and the negro was soon captured. He was identified by Mrs. Fortenberry and finally confessed, telling all the details he had previously denied.

An informal court was organized by the members of the posse. The trial resulted in a decision to burn the negro. He was taken to the scene of his crime and there burned at the stake.

KILLED BY HIS SON.

Beat His Wife, and the Coroner's Jury Justifies the Homicide.

Dan M. Hogan, known far and wide as a bookmaker and sporting man, was shot and killed by his son, Dan M. Hogan jr., in the family's country home at Wilmington, Ill., November 4. The immediate cause assigned for the shooting was the abuse and brutality of the head of the household in striking his wife until shot down by his son. The bullet struck Hogan under the right arm and passed through the body.

Hogan, jr., was held by the authorities pending an inquest by the coroner. The jury returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide."

Hogan was fifty-nine years old and left property valued at upwards of sixty thousand dollars. He had met recently with reverses by gambling upon races. Frequent and unsuccessful attempts to mortgage his Wilmington property that he might procure a new "bank roll" for track speculation, resulted in family quarrels.

Powder Magazine Explodes.

The powder magazine of the Santa Fe Pacific at Williams, N. M., containing 2,000 pounds of powder, exploded, the shock breaking windows and glassware and tearing doors from houses. The magazine is supposed to have caught fire from sparks from an engine switching nearby. The engineer and switching crew escaped injury but the cars of the engine were wrecked. The damage will amount to many thousands of dollars.

Want Kansas and Nebraska Cattle.

The experiment made early last fall in the state of Washington of importing Kansas and Nebraska cattle proved so successful that a number of Whitman, Palouse county, farmers have left for Omaha to purchase more cattle. Early in the fall James Woodley of Colfax shipped 500 of one and two-year-old steers to Whitman county from Kansas City. He sold part of them and is feeding the remainder on his ranch.

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SHOT BY SISTER-IN-LAW

Quarrel at Ellinwood Over a Child Ends in a Fatality.

James A. Duffey, a shoemaker of Ellinwood, Kas., was shot by Mrs. Edward Hotchkiss of Great Bend, Kas. He died an hour after being shot. Duffey came to Ellinwood two years ago from somewhere east and engaged in business. He had the respect and confidence of those who knew him. Previous to his coming he and his wife separated. Their three children had been placed in an asylum at Wichita.

Mrs. Hotchkiss was the sister of Duffey's wife. Duffey blamed her for the separation. Mrs. Hotchkiss obtained one of the children, a little boy, from the orphans' asylum and was living at Great Bend, twelve miles west of Ellinwood. Duffey in some way got the child and kept it here with him. Some time ago she brought suit to recover the child. In the trial she was permitted to care for him. Justice Jonsson reserved his decision for a week. In the meantime the child disappeared. Duffey then procured an order to have the child produced in court within a certain time.

Mrs. Hotchkiss swore out a search warrant for certain letters in the case, claimed to have been stolen by Duffey from her. She came down from Great Bend with Sheriff Johnson. Both went west direct to Duffey's shop. Both entered. The sheriff stepped into a back room with Edward Isern to search, leaving the woman, Duffey and a blacksmith named Wier in the front room. Mrs. Hotchkiss drew a revolver from her bosom, and at a distance of three feet she fired one shot that entered the right breast. Wier grabbed her and prevented another shot. A crowd gathered, but the sheriff got away with his prisoner by a side street.

MORE NAVAL VESSELS

Board of Construction Recommends Forty New Ships.

Over and above the four war ships for which congress directed him last session to prepare plans as a basis for appropriation at the next session, Secretary Long has before him the recommendations of the board of naval construction looking to authorization by congress of forty more naval vessels of all classes, from battleships down to tugboats. The plans for the two armored cruisers and two battleships, projected by congress last session, already have been prepared and look to the construction of about 16,000-ton battleships and 14,000-ton cruisers. The battleships and cruisers additional to those which the construction board proposes, probably will be of about the same size and general type.

MONUMENT FOR LEWELLING

Wichita Friends to Erect a Stone in Memory the Late Ex-Governor.

The monument that will mark the grave of ex-Governor Lewelling was purchased and designed by a Wichita company. It will cost \$450, and the Wichita admirers of the late ex-governor will pay for it. The monument will be of Barre marble, three feet six inches wide, two feet thick and five feet eight inches high. In a panel will be chiseled:

"Lorenzo D. Lewelling, December 17, 1846, September 3, 1900, Governor of Kansas from 1893 to 1895. Erected by his friends."

The monument will be set on a large block of Falls rock. It will probably be unveiled next month on the fifty-fifth anniversary of the ex-governor's birth.

Supplies Furnished Insurgents.

Advices from Catbalogan, Samar, say it is well known that in spite of the fact that all ports of Samar are closed, supplies still reach the insurgents. Most of this work is done during the dark nights by small boats from the island of Leyte. Every available gunboat is now endeavoring to prevent this.

The capture of Lukban's commissary has proven a great blow to the insurgents, as it renders future supplies very precarious. Conditions in the island of Leyte are very annoying to General Smith. A large number of junks are used with the express object of aiding the insurgents in Samar, covering the movements of fugitives and landing provisions and clothing.

Heavy Loss by Fire.

At an early hour on November 4th, fire broke out in the restaurant of J. F. Dudley. The wind was blowing a heavy gale and by 6 o'clock five blocks of the main business part of town at Jennings, Ia., were in smoldering ashes. The loss is estimated at half a million dollars, with insurance at about one-half that amount.

May Stop the Furnaces.

One of the most serious situations ever experienced confronts the furnaces and mills of Youngstown, O., in way of inability to get coke. The railroads cannot move the coke. It is expected that every furnace in the valley will be compelled to shut down within a few days. The lay-off will be a serious handicap to the operators.

Fatal Fall From a Wagon.

While on the way home, says a Concordia, Kas., dispatch, from a party at Aurora, in a farm wagon, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Stanislas Chaput, of Aurora township, was thrown out by the vehicle striking a rut. The wheel passed over her body, inflicting internal injuries, from which she died thirty-six hours later.

A Clyde Farmer Hangs Himself.

Jacob Richner, a farmer living near Clyde, Kas., committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn. The cause is unknown.

REPUBLICANS GAIN

Maryland and Kentucky are Conceded to be Democratic.

FUSIONISTS WIN IN GREATER NEW YORK

Republicans Claim Sedgwick Elected by Plurality of 7,000 to 16,000—Nash Elected in Ohio by 50,000—Other General News Items.

Nebraska.

The election in Nebraska was extremely quiet, but after all a fairly satisfactory vote was polled.

The returns from 357 precincts outside of Lincoln and Omaha, give Sedgwick a total of 33,082, against 25,609 for Hollenbeck. These same precincts gave Marsh 37,759 votes against 51,477 for Svoboda.

Tammany Defeated.

Seth Low, former president of Columbia university, and four years ago the citizens' union candidate for the first mayor of Greater New York, was elected the second mayor of Greater New York by a plurality ranging anywhere from 39,000 to 40,000, defeating Edward M. Shepard of Brooklyn, the democratic nominee. The campaign was an exciting one, and the vote, though somewhat less than the presidential election a year ago, was the largest ever polled in a municipal contest in this country.

Returns also indicate the complete triumph of the Greater New York fusion ticket.

Massachusetts.

With no state or national issues and but few local contests to arouse interest, there were more ballots cast in the state election than in any off year in the history of the state. The total vote exceeded 300,000. As usual the republicans had no difficulty in carrying the state, W. Murray Crane of Dalton, being elected governor for the third time by practically the same majority as when he first ran for the office in 1899. The state legislature of 1903 will be strongly republican, although the democrats gained a few votes.

90,000 in Iowa.

The result in Iowa is remarkable. With a marked falling off in the vote throughout the state, the loss in some precincts being 40 and 50 per cent on the total vote, and the average loss for the state being one-fifth the total of two years ago, A. B. Cummins, the republican candidate, has been elected by a plurality of something like 90,000, the largest ever given a governor in this state. The entire republican state ticket is elected by similar pluralities, and some extraordinary gains have been made.

South Dakota.

Returns are coming in slowly. The vote is light over the state and only circuit judges are being elected. Indications are that the republicans elected all eight judges, but the democrats claim the election of Bennett in the Third and McGee in the Seventh. Returns from these districts are too meager to base estimates. Jones (republican), in the Second district, carried every county district with possibly one exception. His majority will be close to 2,500.

Kentucky.

The general assembly that was elected in Kentucky, with the exception of half the senate, will be democratic on joint ballot by an increased majority according to the latest returns. The returns indicated that the senate will stand twenty-six democrats to twelve republicans, the same as the old senate, and the house twenty-seven democrats to twenty-three republicans, a democratic gain of seventeen. For the first time in years the returns do not show the election of a single populist to the assembly.

Maryland.

A conservative estimate based on about half the voting precincts and unofficial returns from the state indicate that the democrats will control the legislature and will have probably sixty-seven votes on joint ballot, which is six more than a majority. Late returns show large republican gains in Baltimore and it is now asserted that the republicans have carried it by 5,000. They also claim all three legislative districts in Baltimore city.

In Colorado.

Returns received up to 11:30 indicate that in Arapahoe county the entire democratic ticket has been elected by from 2,000 to 5,000 plurality.

Returns from the state are very meagre, but indicate republican victory in Pueblo, El Paso and Lake counties. Teller county, the Cripple Creek mining district, is democratic.

In Utah.

The returns indicate the election of the entire ticket for the republicans in Salt Lake City. Reports from other cities and towns of the state, while very incomplete, indicate that the republicans have been generally successful.

In Kansas.

Local elections were held in every county in Kansas, county commissioners and school trustees being elected. Republicans were generally successful.

Ohio.

The republicans carried Ohio by a heavy increased plurality on their state ticket and will have a greatly enlarged majority in the legislature.

The extent of the republican success is attributed to the silver democrats not voting; to the attitude of John R. McLean, the democratic candidate for governor two years ago and the Ohio member of the democratic national committee; to the superior organization of the republicans and other causes.

Pennsylvania.

Estimates from sixty-seven counties of the state give Frank G. Harris, republican, for state treasurer, an apparent plurality of 51,018; William P. Potter, republican, for supreme court judge, 44,807 plurality.

In Philadelphia, Rothermel, the fusion candidate for district attorney, was beaten by 42,488 plurality. Harris' plurality in this city was 34,961 and Potter's was 31,921.

New Jersey.

The early returns received from all from all points in the state indicate that Murphy, republican, for governor, has been elected. The republicans claim the state by 10,000. Late returns bear out the earliest indications that Franklin Murphy, republican, has been elected governor by about 10,000 plurality.

Both branches of the legislature will be republican.

Rhode Island.

Without any conclusive returns from the cities and towns throughout the state it was generally conceded after the close of the polls that Governor Gregory and republican state ticket are elected by a plurality of about 5,000. This is a loss of 3,000 from last year. The vote polled through the state was light.

Mississippi.

Returns from the election in Mississippi indicate that Power has carried the state for secretary of state by a handsome plurality over his four competitors. In the race for state treasurer the result is not so certain, and it is not possible to say whether Carlisle or Evans is elected.

In Virginia.

The negroes took little interest in the election in Virginia, and the indications are that the democratic majority for the state ticket will be more than 25,000.

The democratic majority on joint ballot in the legislature will be overwhelming.

NEBRASKA GETS MEDALS

Awarded at the Pan-American Exposition to This State.

The horticultural department of the Pan-American exposition has just announced its awards. Nebraska receives medals as follows: State Horticultural society, gold medal; general display of fruits, Youngers & Co., gold medal for displays of fruits; Theo. Williams, Benson, gold medal for collection of hybrid plums; silver medal, Marshall Bros., Arlington, for display of fruits; bronze medal, C. H. Barnard, for display of apples and pears; honorable mention, Frank Martin, Omaha, for exhibit of plums.

In the agricultural department Nebraska received a gold medal for a collection of agricultural products, a silver medal for collection of cereals, gold medal for a display of sugar beets and their products and a silver medal for a display of corn.

VALUABLE MINE SOLD

The Deal Is the Second Largest in Colorado's History.

The Elkton Consolidation Gold Mining company, on the property of which a remarkably rich strike was made recently, has been sold to Eastern capitalists. The consideration is based on a valuation of \$6,875,000. The names of the buyers are withheld. E. M. Delavergne, their local agent, is himself a stockholder.

The deal is the largest involving Colorado mining property since Stratton's Independence was sold in April, 1899, for \$10,000,000. Local mining men believe that the purchasers are New Yorkers, representing Wehrner, Belt & Co. of London, who have sought to buy the mine.

Eight Children Knew for Life.

Eight children, accompanied by their parents, ended a 1,500 mile race for life at the Chicago Pastern institution, November 2. The youngsters, ranging in age from four to nine years, came from Colorado Springs, Col., where they were bitten by a dog afflicted with rabies. Fearing hydrophobia their parents began the long journey to have their children treated.

Kansas Woman Kills Man.

Mrs. J. E. Hotchkiss of Great Bend, Kan., shot and killed James Duffy at his home Ellinwood. Duffy was a brother-in-law of the woman. She suspected him of having certain of her belongings in his possession. Obtaining a search warrant she went to his home with the sheriff and while the house was being searched she drew a pistol and shot Duffy.

Academy Burned.

Jarvis Hall military academy at Montclair, eight miles from Denver, Col., a school for boys, maintained by the Episcopal church of the diocese of Colorado, was burned to the ground, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000. Seventy-five students roomed in the building, but all escaped without injury. The origin of the fire is unknown. The library of Canon Rogers, rector of the academy, one of the finest in the west, was partially destroyed.